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**TO: BARBERING, COSMETOLOGY, AND ELECTROLOGY SCHOOLS
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**SUBJECT: CHANGES IN EXAMINATION PROCESS – COMPUTER BASED
TESTING**

The Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (Board) has contracted with Experior Assessments to offer a computer-based exam that will replace the existing pencil-and-paper written format for all candidates, except those candidates who in accordance with Board regulations are allowed interpreters. The Board will continue to administer written and practical exams for those candidates who require an interpreter at our two existing sites, Los Angeles & Fairfield.

As of April 18, 2003 the Board discontinued administering the written portion of the examination at its two existing sites, Los Angeles & Fairfield (except for those noted above).

Effective June 2003, candidates will be able to take the written portion of their examination at one of eight Experior Assessments testing sites statewide. The eight sites are located in: Cerritos, Colton, Fremont, Fresno, Rancho Cordova (Sacramento area), San Diego, Van Nuys, and San Francisco.

Outline of the Board's new examination process:

1. Candidates will take the practical portion of their exam at one of the Board's two existing locations, Los Angeles or Fairfield.
2. Upon earning the minimum required score of at least 225 on the practical exam, candidates can choose from seven sites around the state to take the written exam, which will be given six days a week.
3. Candidates will receive a handbook from Experior Assessments by mail with the necessary information they will need to schedule their written examination once they are eligible.

Enclosed is a Questions and Answers guide to assist you with additional questions regarding computer based testing. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Cobb of my staff at (916) 322-7670 or by e-mail at Paul_Cobb@dca.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

CINDY WALTON
Interim Executive Officer

Enclosure